



The

January 2026

# Viewpoint



## This Month

- Meet Our Staff
- What's Going On
- Say It Your Way,  
No Surprises,  
Study!

Divisions happen all the time. They seem to be part of our world experience. They happen in families. They happen in churches. They happen in nations. They even happen within political parties. Historically, there was a great division of the Christian tradition in 1054, the division between the Orthodox churches of the East and the Roman Catholic Churches of the West. Much was lost for each party, but especially for the churches in the West.

Paul had made a bold statement in his letter to the Colossians: "Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, visible and the invisible,..." (1:15-16). This is an affirmation of the Divine Presence in everyone and everything since the beginning of time. The Eastern church continued to affirm that Christ is everywhere, whereas the Western church began to limit the Divine Presence to the single body of Jesus.

Richard Rohr states that "discovering Christ as the transcendent within of every 'thing' in the universe can transform the way we perceive and the way we live in our everyday world." G.K. Chesterton wrote, "our religion is not the church we belong to, but the cosmos we live inside." The word "religion" literally means to "reconnect." This concept invites us to be inclusive, to be connected with everything and everyone. Let us in this New Year allow the Christ within to connect us with the "all of the universe."

Peace and blessings, Pastor David

## Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Genesis 1-5

Monday: Genesis 6-12

Tuesday: Genesis 13-18

Wednesday: Genesis 19-23

Thursday: Genesis 24-28

Friday: Genesis 29-32

Saturday: Genesis 33-36

READ  
THROUGH  
THE BIBLE  
IN ONE  
YEAR!

Each week, *HomeTouch* will provide daily readings from the Bible that will take you through the Bible in one year. Sometimes, we will suggest a **Verse to Remember**. Many *HomeTouch* readers try to memorize these verses; memorization stimulates both the mind and the heart!

Find the missing words using the code below:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z  
Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N M L K J I H G F E D C B A

As a \_\_\_\_\_ looks after his \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ flock when he is \_\_\_\_\_ them, so will I look after my  
\_\_\_\_\_ sheep. I will \_\_\_\_\_ them and \_\_\_\_\_ them. I  
will \_\_\_\_\_ for the lost and bring back the \_\_\_\_\_.  
I will bind up the \_\_\_\_\_ and strengthen the \_\_\_\_\_.  
You are my \_\_\_\_\_, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your  
\_\_\_\_\_  
God, says the Lord God. -Based on Ezekiel 34

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# Dial-a-Devotion

Dial-A-Devotion always needs a few more dedicated presenters to supplement the group. If you follow this group via phone, you know that it means presenting a message about every three weeks from your home. It allows you to share a message that was meaningful to you or to others. Let the office know if you would like to try it out. 949.837.5433

Jan 1, 2026	Elaine Brady	Jan 16, 2026	Liz Heacock	Feb 1, 2026	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Jan 2, 2026	Dick Obermayer	Jan 17, 2026	XXXXXXXXXXXX	Feb 2, 2026	Don Forden
Jan 3, 2026	XXXXXXXXXXXX	Jan 18, 2026	XXXXXXXXXXXX	Feb 3, 2026	Meg Estrada
Jan 4, 2026	XXXXXXXXXXXX	Jan 19, 2026	Teri Lancey	Feb 4, 2026	David Atkins
Jan 5, 2026	LaFee Family	Jan 20, 2026	Dick Obermayer	Feb 5, 2026	Glenn Miller
Jan 6, 2026	Greg Lewis	Jan 21, 2026	Marilyn Nicolas	Feb 6, 2026	Teri Lancey
Jan 7, 2026	Sherry Atkins	Jan 22, 2026	Judy McCormick	Feb 7, 2026	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Jan 8, 2026	Laddie Perez	Jan 23, 2026	Elaine Brady	Feb 8, 2026	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Jan 9, 2026	Laura Daillak	Jan 24, 2026	XXXXXXXXXXXX	Feb 9, 2026	Dick Obermayer
Jan 10, 2026	XXXXXXXXXXXX	Jan 25, 2026	XXXXXXXXXXXX	Feb 10, 2026	Marilyn Nicolas
Jan 11, 2026	XXXXXXXXXXXX	Jan 26, 2026	LaFee Family	Feb 11, 2026	Judy McCormick
Jan 12, 2026	Don Forden	Jan 27, 2026	Greg Lewis	Feb 12, 2026	Elaine Brady
Jan 13, 2026	Meg Estrada	Jan 28, 2026	Sherry Atkins	Feb 13, 2026	LaFee Family
Jan 14, 2026	David Atkins	Jan 29, 2026	Laddie Perez	Feb 14, 2026	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Jan 15, 2026	Glenn Miller	Jan 30, 2026	Laura Daillak	Feb 15, 2026	XXXXXXXXXXXX
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**FRESH & HEALTHY**

## SENIOR GROCERY DISTRIBUTION



Second Harvest food bank drops off perishable and non perishable food for you to come "shop" and take what you need. This free food is offered the first and third Thursdays of each month from 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.  
at Lutheran Church of the Cross  
24231 El Toro Rd.  
Laguna Woods

## Looking For Help Around The House?

The men's group is here to help!

- ✓ Barber
- ✓ Gardening
- ✓ Carpentry
- ✓ Cleaning
- ✓ Climbing a ladder
- ✓ Handy Man Work
- ✓ Light Maintenance
- ✓ Mapping
- ✓ Painting
- ✓ Photography
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ and much more...

Call or email the church office to set up an appointment  
949.837.3414 or office.lcunc@gmail.com



# Usher Schedule

January 4th	Rex Danford & Connie Gould
January 11th	Kelly LaFee & David Forden
January 18th	Art & Judy Feldra
January 25th	Frank Bristol & Teri Lancey
Communion Servers	Meg Estrada & Linda Taylor

## Need a Ride to Church? We'll Come Pick You Up!



Virgil and Elaine Brady are happy to give rides to anyone who needs a lift to church. Don't let transportation keep you away from worship and community! Call or Text: 785-218-5707

Or call the church office during office hours: 949-837-3414

### Want To Help?

If you know someone who needs a ride — or if you'd like to volunteer to drive — please contact the church office.

Together, we can make sure everyone has a way to be part of our church family!



## Men's Breakfast

Saturday,  
January 17<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM

Join us for a morning of food,  
fellowship, and reflection.

Bring a friend, an appetite,  
and an open heart!

# January & February *Liturgist*

Jan. 4th Marilyn Nicolas

Jan. 11th Meg Estrada

Jan. 18th Laura Daillak

Jan. 25th Sherry Atkins

Feb. 1st Rex Danford

Feb. 8th Laddie Perez

Feb. 15th Don Forden

Feb. 22nd Bev Miller



## January Birthdays

Pat Heacock	January 10th
Cassidy LaFee	January 14th
Priscilla Capulong	January 18th
Bebe Shaddock	January 25th
Steve Kelly	January 27th
Dermott Roberts	January 29th



Please remember that we can give to the needy of our church and community at any time through the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. To contribute to this fund simply write a check to LCUMC and include "Pastor's Discretionary" in the memo. Include your contribution in the Sunday offering plate or send it to the Church Office. Thank You!!





# Sermon Themes

## **January 4th – Communion Sunday – Covenant Sunday – The Mystery Unveiled: Ephesians 1:3-10; John 1:1-5,14-18**

On the first Sunday of the year, we renew our covenant with God with the traditional "Covenant Prayer" written by John Wesley. The scriptures are powerful statements of God's intention to gather all people to him, having been chosen before the foundation of the world. Paul emphasizes that this is a "plan for the fullness of time." The beginning of John's gospel also states that "from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace." These powerful and positive scriptures invite us into an inclusive and full life.

## **January 11th – First Sunday in Epiphany – A Declaration: Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17**

The writer of Acts places Peter on the stage with a brief message about the centrality of Christ and the inclusion of all "who fear God and practice righteousness." He declares that "God shows no partiality." The story in Matthew is about the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist, and the powerful declaration, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." What is the declaration God makes about us?

## **January 18th – Second Sunday in Epiphany: Jeremiah 29:4-9; Matthew 28:16-20**

Rev. Steven Jenkins preaching, with the title: The World IN My Parish. Rev. Jenkins has a rich background in ministry in England and the United States, a guest speaker in many places on a variety of topics. He will focus on Jeremiah, who gives a very positive prophecy to the Israelites, who at this time are in exile in Babylon. Jeremiah encourages them to be prosperous. The Matthew passage includes the "Great Commission" that Jesus gave to his apostles before his ascension.

## **January 25th – Third Sunday in Epiphany: United Women in Faith Sunday**

This special worship service will be conducted by the United Women in Faith of Laguna Country UMC. This active group of women focuses on missions throughout the world and has invited a special speaker for this Sunday. Young Mae Kim, part of the Program Advisory Group of the National United Women in Faith. She was born and raised in Seoul, Korea, worked at a TV-Radio Broadcasting Company in Seoul for ten years, and moved to Los Angeles with her family due to her husband's job relocation, worked as a Teacher's Assistant, there, and Literacy Instructor and Program Coordinator in Virginia. She is currently running a retail business.

# January

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# Fellowship Opportunities



**WARM SOUP  
WARM FELLOWSHIP**

Join us for a time of fellowship immediately following the service

**JANUARY 11TH | 10:30 AM**

Warm up with a delicious bowl of soup provided by the Fellowship Committee and enjoy time connecting with one another.

All are welcome — come, eat, and share in community!



**The Gathering**

**Free Lunch**  
for 1st time guest

A new weekly gathering for fellowship and support  
Meets at Restaurant 19 in Laguna Woods Village  
Every Friday from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m.

"The Gathering" includes a free lunch and offers non-denominational, non-political discussion on various topics.

This group is for people who wish to meet others or who wish to obtain or provide information that may benefit others. Meetings will be held either in Room 3 or on the balcony, depending on availability. Email [TheGathering.lcunc@gmail.com](mailto:TheGathering.lcunc@gmail.com) to attend, indicating the number of attendees, your name, and if you need a "Gate 12 call-in" option.



**Non-Competitive  
Bridge**

January 12th & 26th  
at 12:30 p.m.  
In the Wesley Room

Contact Jan Dvorznak to reserve a place.  
All bridge players welcome.

## Shuffle, Deal, and Laugh a Little!

Love playing bridge, but not the pressure of high-stakes games? Join our church bridge group for fun, fellowship, and plenty of laughter. We're all about good cards, good company, and maybe even a few good snacks.

No trophies, no stress—just friends around the table. Come play a hand (or two)!

*Check out our services at*

[Lagunacountryumc.org](http://Lagunacountryumc.org)  
or on  
Laguna Country UMC

**You Tube**



# Fellowship Opportunities

## Lunch Bunch RODRIGO'S Mexican Grill



January 28th

Meet at church at 11:00 am to carpool

## Men's Breakfast

Saturday,  
January 17<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM

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# Say It Your Way, No Surprises

## Writing Your Obituary & Planning Your Service

### A Thoughtful Three-Week

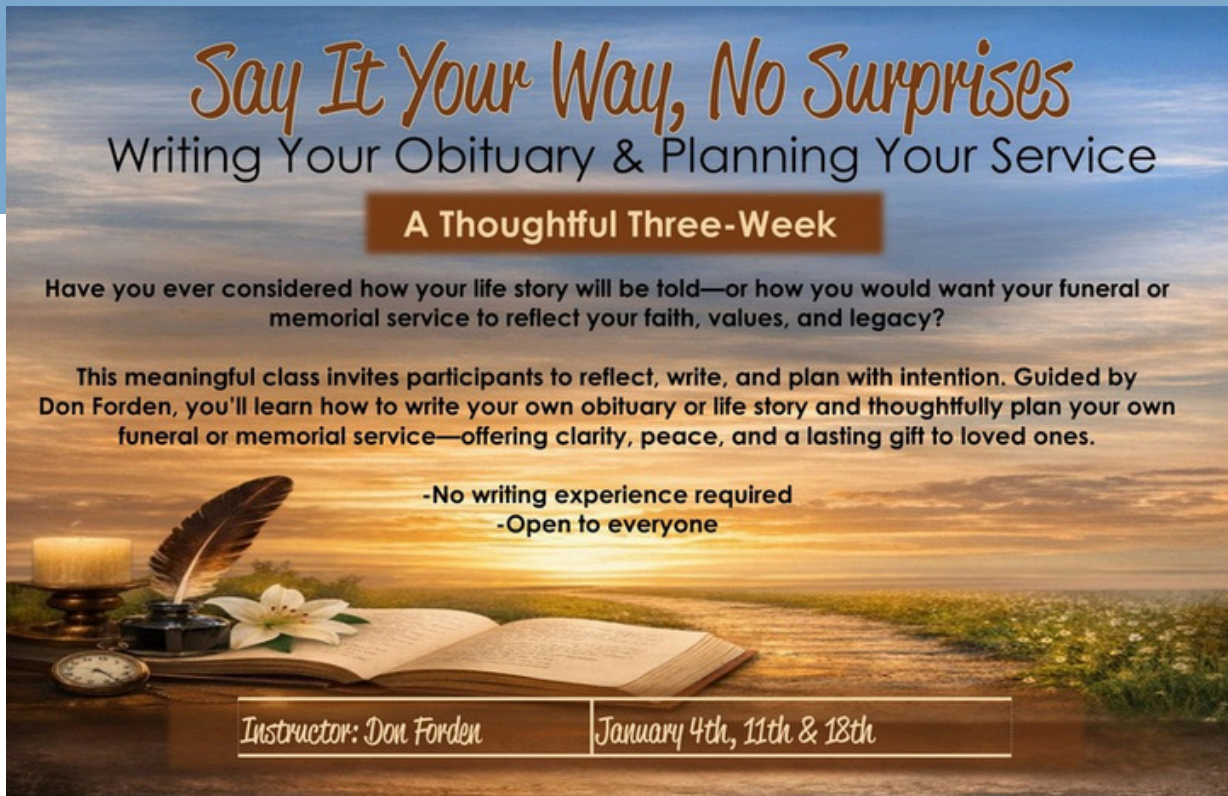
Have you ever considered how your life story will be told—or how you would want your funeral or memorial service to reflect your faith, values, and legacy?

This meaningful class invites participants to reflect, write, and plan with intention. Guided by Don Forden, you'll learn how to write your own obituary or life story and thoughtfully plan your own funeral or memorial service—offering clarity, peace, and a lasting gift to loved ones.

-No writing experience required  
-Open to everyone

Instructor: Don Forden

January 4th, 11th & 18th



## What's Going On

### FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

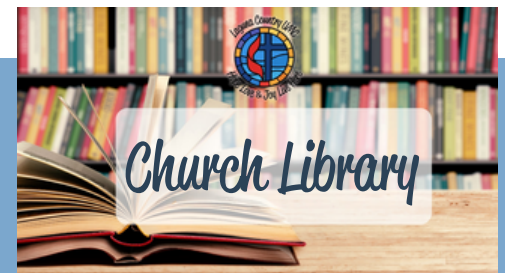
We have received a total of 40 pledges to support the work and ministry of LCUMC in 2026, with a total pledged of \$121,392. Ten of these pledges, 25%, are from new participants in the church. Thanks to all who have made this commitment and to all who continue to give financially to the church without making a pledge. Your faithful and generous giving is making it possible to continue ministry here.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING (print the total when you have it)

### CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CELEBRATED

We experienced Christmas Eve in a new way this year. Laguna Country and Laguna Hills Korean United Methodist Churches joined together to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. Each church brought special music, each pastor gave a short meditation, and we all sang Carols together in whatever language was most familiar to us. This is the beginning of a new relationship with the two congregations. Pastor Hakchoon Lim retired at the end of November and invited the congregation to go with him as he started a new church. It is not a United Methodist Church, but an independent entity. About two-thirds of the congregation left with him, and about one-third of the congregation stayed with the United Methodist connection. Their interim pastor, Rev. Yong Sam Park, and a number of their laity approached Pastor Atkins with the possibility of working together to support the ministry of Christ in this location. In the last few weeks, leaders of LHKUMC and LCUMC have met several times to discuss joint worship and shared financial responsibilities for our facilities. This is a new time in the life of both churches, and your prayers are requested for the pastors and participants in both congregations as we seek to be faithful to our calling and ministry.

Peace, Pastor David



## Help Us Start Our Church Library!

We're excited to share that our church is starting a brand-new library! Our hope is to create a cozy little corner filled with books that encourage faith, inspire hope, and bring joy to readers of all ages. To get started, we'd love your help. If you have gently used books—Christian living, devotionals, Bible studies, children's stories, or even good, wholesome fiction—please consider donating them. Every book will help build a collection that our whole church family can enjoy. Donations can be dropped off in the church office during the week or placed in the library donation box in the foyer on Sundays. Thank you for helping us plant the seeds of a library that will bless our community for years to come!



# Church Outing: The Addams Family Musical

Enjoy laughter, music,  
and fellowship as we  
experience this  
entertaining production  
as a group.

To reserve your ticket or  
for more information, see  
Donna Kish during  
fellowship.  
Carpool is available.



Saturday, March 8th  
2:00 PM  
Musical Theatre  
Village  
Cost: \$21 per person

All are welcome! Come join the fun!



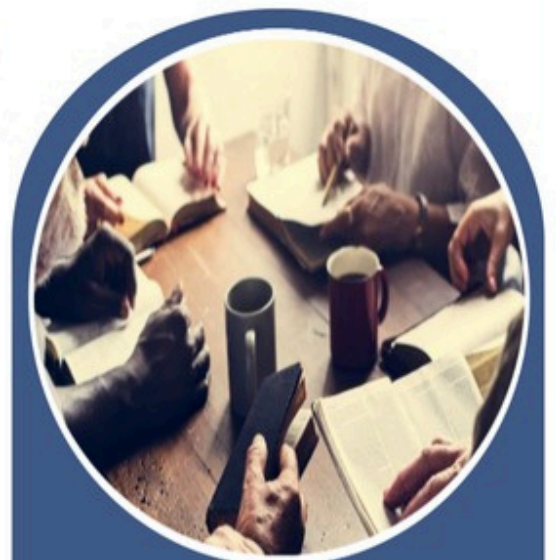
## NEW MEMBER Orientation

January 3rd

10:00 a.m. in the Wesley Room

New Member Reception on January 11th

If you are interested in becoming a member contact the church office at  
949.837.3414 or [office.lcumc@gmail.com](mailto:office.lcumc@gmail.com)



# What's Going On

## Meet Our Staff

By: Pastor David

### Roger Gillette, Handy Man

**Pastor:** Tell me about where you came from and your family.

**Roger:** I was born in Asheville, N.C., and then was in Greenville, S.C., for a while, but most of my life I was in Maryland, next to the DC/Maryland line. I grew up on the streets. My mother was a single parent, and I never knew my father. I had two older brothers who were sent to live with their father, then to an uncle, and then to a home for boys. My brother, Larry, ran away from that home when he was 18, and my other brother, 16, ran away shortly after that. I just learned to adapt. Because of the negative authority around me, I never learned to respect authority. I found a way to escape life through alcohol and drugs. I was married for a time, then found my escape from alcohol and drugs through the courts. The judge took a personal interest in the young men who came through his court, and in 2001, I made a dramatic change when I was sent to rehab and then the "Oxford House," a sober living house, and stayed there for eight years. I met my closest friends there. I met my wife, Robin, while I was living there around 2009, and we were married in 2011. We lived in Illinois, and I managed an auto repair shop for about 10 years.



**Pastor:** What different jobs have you had?

**Roger:** I was always taking things apart, wanting to figure out what made it work, but wasn't interested in putting it back together. When I was 12, I installed an engine in a Ford Falcon, then worked at auto dealerships as a mechanic. My brother, Phillip, and I set up our own repair shop in Pensacola, FL. I wandered through a number of states and had a daughter while in Indiana. I have three grandchildren. As an auto mechanic, I learned about electrical, heating, and cooling. "If I know how it works, I can fix it." I used to build and sell computers. I installed tankless water heaters in Chicago.



# What's Going On

## Meet Our Staff

Of all the jobs I have had, I like this one the best. I feel like I am helping the church. With the building being so old and broken, anything you do makes a difference.

**Pastor:** How did you come to work for LCUMC?

**Roger:** I was doing work for Mike Daillak, and he asked me to take a look at the furnace at the church. I kept thinking about the problem and figured out it was the gas valve, which I replaced. Then the Trustees asked me to work part-time as the handyman. (Roger donates a lot of extra time to the church.)

**Pastor:** What do you do here?

**Roger:** Whatever is asked of me. General maintenance, although not restricted to that.

**Pastor:** What do you like about the job here?

**Roger:** I like the people. I also like the three-minute commute from home.

**Pastor:** What do you find challenging or frustrating?

**Roger:** Nothing really. People here are so mellow.

**Pastor:** What thought or word would you give to the church?

**Roger:** Don't let people walk on you. Stand up for the church. It's not about personalities; it is about the church. Also, the church needs security cameras.

(Additional information: Roger had an 18-hour surgery for a liver and kidney transplant on July 31st-August 1st, 2024. He said, "I didn't know I was that ill." The energy I have now is "insane." He was on the active waiting list for about a year. The donor was a 51-year-old male, and Roger was 64. No transplant is given after the age of 70.)



**Office Hours**

**David**  
Monday - 9 am to 2 pm  
Tuesday - 11 am to 2 pm  
Wednesday - 9 am to 2 pm  
Thursday - 9 am to 2 pm

**Ashleigh**  
Monday - 8:30 am to 2 pm  
Tuesday - 8:30 am to 2 pm  
Wednesday - 8:30 am to 2 pm  
Thursday - 8:30 am to 2 pm  
& 12pm every other Thur.  
Friday - 8:30 am to 12 pm

**Office Hours With Our Church Administrator**

We are so blessed to have Ashleigh serving as our church administrator! She adores and loves each one of you, and she is always happy to lend a hand. To help her balance assisting the congregation while also tending to the many responsibilities of the office, her drop-in hours will now be:

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

She is still in the office after 12:00 p.m., but those afternoons are set aside so she can focus on completing her administrative duties. If you need assistance after 12:00 p.m., she will gladly meet with you by appointment.

Thank you for honoring this schedule and for showing your support as she continues to serve with joy and dedication!



# Laguna Country



United  
Women  
in Faith

## Carrying Our Blessings Forward

**Yellow: Life in Christ; Green: Sisterhood; Orange: Action; Blue: Faith**

**Who are we?** We're a sisterhood acting in faith to tackle the hard work of the world without hesitation.

**The Mission:** United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence, and impact local and global communities.

**The Vision:** Turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world.

**The Purpose:** We are a community of women whose purpose is to know God; to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

As we welcome 2026 and leave 2025 behind, we invite you to reflect on your hopes and expectations for the coming year. The possibilities are exciting, and together as a unit, we can continue to inspire, influence, and impact others through our shared commitment and work.

The Laguna Country UWFaith Leadership Team will be meeting during the first week of January 2026 to plan our activities for the year. Your input is invaluable—please share with any Team member what you hope for and what you look forward to in 2026. Hearing from you is important as we shape programs that best serve our community and encourage active participation.







Please mark your calendars for our first general meeting of 2026, scheduled for Saturday morning, January 17th (time to be determined). This gathering will feature a Pledge Service and the installation of incoming officers. A flyer and reminder, including the time, will be sent out soon. The officers for 2026 are:

- Laddie Perez, President
- Meg Estrada, Program Resource Coordinator
- Teri Lancey, Secretary
- Joy O'Connor, Spiritual Growth Coordinator
- Tanya Yoneda, Treasurer
- Lulu Emery, Librarian

On Sunday, January 25th, we celebrate Women's Sunday. We are honored to welcome guest speaker Young Mae Kim, who attends Holliston-Dream UMC in Pasadena and currently serves as a member of the Program Advisory Group on Western Jurisdiction and National UW Faith.

Registration is still open for the UW Faith Assembly in Indianapolis, Indiana, taking place from May 15th-17th, 2026. Keynote speakers include Stacey Abrams and her mother, Rev. Carolyn Abrams. This Assembly, held every four years, brings together women committed to faith, empowerment, and making a difference. It is a memorable experience that continues to inspire those who attend (like me).

If you are able, please continue supporting the Orangewood Foundation by bringing essential items. The Missions Committee will be collecting donations throughout January, with delivery scheduled for February. Orangewood Foundation serves young people experiencing homelessness and those aging out of foster care. Requested items include shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, lotion, body wash or soap, and feminine hygiene products. For further details and for additional items to bring, please contact Meg Estrada.

Thank you for all your support and contributions. Laguna Country UW Faith is **unstoppable!**  
Laddie Perez, President





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